

EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE

CALL FOR GRANTS

I. ACTIVITY TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE GRANT

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| A shorter description of the activity/activities to be supported by the grant. |
| FORWARDS is a project funded by the European Union that will prototype the ForestWard Observatory, a pan-European monitoring and evaluation tool that will help in demonstrating the impact of climate change on forests, and guiding decision-making for practical forest management. The aim of this Call for third party grants is to set up Climate-Smart Forestry (CSF) and forest restoration pilots across Europe as a basis for developing an evidence-based understanding of effective CSF and restoration management practices in supporting climate change mitigation, adaptation, and biodiversity. Supported projects and activities should establish new field trials in forests for CSF and restoration management practices or test new practices in existing field trials. Third party grants are managed by FORWARDS Partner European Forest Institute (EFI). |

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Reference | G-04-2023 |
| Title | Establishing Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration pilots in Europe |
| Maximum grant value | EUR 140, 000 |
| Maximum number of Grants | 5 |
| Number of lots | 5 (max 1 grant per lot) |
| Maximum duration | 18 months |

The Grant submission guidelines, which contain more detailed information on the requirements stated in this Call for grant, are available at the EFI website at <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-04-2023>.

In addition to the terms and conditions as stated in the Call for grant, and Grant submission guidelines, EFI applies the EFI Grant rules which have been made available at <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/efi-grant-rules>.

III. ADMISSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applications shall apply the following structure:

- I. Administrative information
 - Application Form-Part A, following Template annex 1
 - Power of Attorney for Coordinator, as applicable, following template annex 3
 - Declaration, using Template annex 4
 - All the administrative information (Annexes 1, 3 and, 4) must be submitted in a single pdf document
- II. Technical Description
 - Application Form- Part B, following Template annex 2
 - The length of the technical description must not exceed 15 pages and shall be submitted in one single PDF document (this does not include the instructions and guidance provided in annex 2).
 - Technical Description shall be written in English

Formatting rules for the documentation I. and II.

- Font: Calibri
- Minimum font size: 11 pt (except for tables and figures where it should be minimum 10 pt)
- Line spacing: 1
- Orientation: Portrait. For the tables or any Gantt/pert chart, landscape orientation can be used if necessary for the purpose of fitting of the tables or for legibility.
- Page size and margins: Page size A4, all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 2 cm (not including any footers or headers)

All the documentation (application forms and annexes) must be submitted in PDF (Two separate pdfs for I. and II.).

What procedures to follow for applying:

Grant application shall only to be submitted by the applicant (coordinator as applicable) to:

grants@efi.int

Please note that it is not allowed to send the email to another recipient (not in the To: field, the cc: field, or the bcc: field)

The email with the application shall contain only the following heading in the subject line:

G-04-2023, Establishing Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration pilots in Europe

The grant application must have been received by EFI by the following deadline at the latest:

31 October at 21:00 UTC

IV. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Grant applications can be submitted by one legal entity or a consortium of legal entities.

Applicants must, by the deadline for submission of the Application, meet the following criteria to be eligible for the grant:

| Criteria | Description of criteria | Clarification |
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| E1 | Applicant is a legal entity (legal person) | If the application is submitted by a consortium (grouping of legal persons represented by a coordinator), this criterion applies to all the participants This call is not open for applications from natural persons |
| E2 | Applicant eligible for funding under the European Union Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme | If the application is submitted by a consortium, this criterion applies to all the participants |

Applications not fulfilling the above stated eligibility criteria will be rejected.

Furthermore, the following legal entities (legal persons) will not be eligible:

- Beneficiary or associated partner of the FORWARDS project under the Grant Agreement No. 101084481
- Entities subject European Union restrictive measures
- Israeli entities due to activities in the territories occupied by Israel (European Commission Guidelines No 2013/C 205/05)

- Public interest trusts established under the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity maintained by such a public interest trust (Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506)

V. QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the grant process must only be sent to the following address:

Questions can be sent until:

Questions and answers for this grant process will be published weekly from week 33 at <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-04-2023> until:

Individual questions will not be replied to separately.

Potential applicants are advised to visit <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-04-2023> regularly before the deadline for the submission of applications for any Q&A, updates or modifications regarding this grant process.



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